

TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

SEC. 401. CHAIRPERSON.

Section 705(b)(5) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796d(b)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) CHAIRPERSON.—The Council shall select a chairperson from among the voting membership of the Council.”.

SEC. 402. REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

Section 3(a) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 702(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Office of the Secretary” and inserting “Department of Education”;

(2) by striking “President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” and inserting “Secretary, except that the current Commissioner appointed under the authority existing on the day prior to the date of enactment of this Act may continue to serve in the former capacity”; and

(3) by striking “, and the Commissioner shall be the principal officer.”.

SEC. 403. DIRECTOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) is amended by striking “Commissioner” each place it appears, except in section 21, and inserting “Director”.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 718) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “Commissioner” the first place it appears and inserting “Director of the Rehabilitation Services Administration”; and

(B) by striking “(referred to in this subsection as the ‘Director’)”; and

(2) by striking “Commissioner and the Director” each place it appears and inserting “both such Directors”.

SEC. 404. STATE GOALS.

Section 101(a) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 721(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (11)(D)(i) by inserting “, which may be provided using alternative means of meeting participation (such as video conferences and conference calls)” before the semicolon; and

(2) in paragraph (15)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively, and inserting after clause (i) the following:

“(ii) include an assessment of the transition services provided under this Act, and coordinated with transition services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as to those services meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities.”; and

(B) by amending subparagraph (D)(i) to read as follows:

“(i) the methods to be used to expand and improve the services to individuals with disabilities including—

“(I) how a broad range of assistive technology services and assistive technology devices will be provided to such individuals at each stage of the rehabilitative process and how such services and devices will be provided to such individuals on a statewide basis; and

“(II) how transition services will be better coordinated with those services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in order to improve transition services for individuals with disabilities served under this Act.”.

SEC. 405. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is further amended—

(1) in section 100(b)(1) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(2) in section 100(d)(1)(B) by striking “fiscal year 2003” and inserting “fiscal year 2009”;

(3) in section 110(c) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) The sum referred to in paragraph (1) shall be, as determined by the Secretary, not less than 1 percent and not more than 1.5 percent of the amount referred to in paragraph (1) for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2009.”;

(4) in section 112(h) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(5) in section 201(a) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” each place it appears and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(6) in section 302(i) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(7) in section 303(e) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(8) in section 304(b) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(9) in section 305(b) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and insert “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(10) in section 405 by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(11) in section 502(j) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(12) in section 509(l) by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(13) in section 612 by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(14) in section 628 by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(15) in section 714 by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(16) in section 727 by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”;

(17) in section 753 by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2009”.

SEC. 406. HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER ACT.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The first sentence of section 205(a) of the Helen Keller National Center Act (29 U.S.C. 1904(a)) is amended by striking “1999 through 2003” and inserting “2004 through 2009”.

(b) HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER FEDERAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—The first sentence of section 208(h) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1907(h)) is amended by striking “1999 through 2003” and inserting “2004 through 2009”.

TITLE V—TRANSITION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 501. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.

The Secretary of Labor shall take such actions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to provide for the orderly implementation of this division.

SEC. 502. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this division, this division and the amendments made by this division, shall take effect on the date of enactment of this division.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hear-

ing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, Public Law 106-181.

The hearing will take place on Thursday July 22, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact: Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161 or Sarah Creachbaum at (202) 224-6293.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2004, at 10 a.m., in open session to consider the following nominations: Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, for reappointment to the grade of Admiral and to be chief of Naval Operations; and Lieutenant General James E. Cartwright, USMC, for appointment to the grade of General and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 8, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. on S. 2411—Assistance to Firefighters Act of 2004.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, July 8, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Building Room 226.

Agenda:

I. Nominations: Claude A. Allen to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Michael H. Watson to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, David W. McKeague to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Richard A. Griffin to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

II. Legislation: S. 1635, L-1 Visa (Intracompany Transferee) Reform Act of 2003, Chambliss, S.J. Res. 4, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing